

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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The soul of all regeneration is the regeneration of the soul.—Bushnell.

## THE TRUTH WILL COME OUT

Sheriff Jarrett's share in the McDuffie investigation requires some explanation. The sheriff says that McDuffie and his deputy, Kellett, will be suspended within the next few hours. Yet the sheriff simultaneously declares that he knows nothing of the charges against the detectives except in a vague and general way. He knows, however, that other detectives have been working up the case against their chief, Captain McDuffie.

In spite of appearances, Jarrett may be actuated by entirely worthy motives and politics may cut no figure in the threatened upheaval in the department. The sheriff has still to show that this is the case. Up to the present, the sheriff appears to be allowing his department to drift from under what measure of control he has exercised—slight enough, indeed.

Meanwhile, the public is going to be the gainer by this fight. Some of the truth about the police department, long hidden by its officials and their apologetic friends, is going to come out.

Let the whole truth be told.

## THE WEBB-KENYON LAW UPHOLD

A few months ago the Webb-Kenyon bill passed Congress. All the forces behind the liquor interests, all their powers of money and of men, all their shrewd attorneys, their lobbyists, their retainers, their runners and their servants, were marshaled in phalanx to block the bill. But they did not succeed.

The press-agent bureau of the national organization of liquor dealers sent forth inky floods of appeal. The strongest argument against the Webb law was the declaration that it was unconstitutional.

"The law may pass Congress but it will be a useless proceeding," said the liquor men, "for we will take it into the courts and it will be at once declared unconstitutional. Certainly."

When the law passed, the liquor men, through the press-agent bureau, again sent broadcast over the country the statement that the law would not stand the test of the courts. "The first time it comes before a judge, he will declare it unconstitutional. There is no doubt about it."

Well, the law has been put to the test in one court at least. So far as our knowledge goes, this is the first case bearing directly on the constitutionality of the act. Here is the result:

Georgetown, Del., Oct. 8.—The Webb-Kenyon law and the Hazel law of Delaware, prohibiting shipments of liquor into local option territory, were declared to be constitutional in two decisions rendered here today in the Sussex county court of general sessions.

The decisions were in the case of William Drier, formerly of Georgetown, indicted for violating the Hazel law by bringing liquor, bought in Philadelphia, to Harley J. Conaway of this place. It was a test case. Drier was adjudged guilty.

Sentence was deferred pending arguments next Monday on motion for a new trial. The chief justice also read a supplemental decision upholding the Webb-Kenyon act of Congress.

The passage of the Webb-Kenyon law furnishes a strong argument when the question of prohibition for Hawaii again comes to the front. Under this law, the wish of the people who ask that their community be freed from the evils of liquor cannot be set at naught through shipments from "wet" territory.

## WHEN COST OF LIVING WAS HIGHER

According to a report lately issued by the British board of trade, a government department, the cost of living in the United Kingdom is not higher today than it was about thirty years ago, or in 1884, and is actually lower than it was in the years 1871 to 1884, by a percentage varying from 10 to 37 per cent. As the rise in prices of necessities in recent years has been worldwide—the evidence of this fact being the chief feature of the British report, according to a review of it in the London Spectator—probably high prices in the former times mentioned were also universal. As to the United States, the statistics available at present writing begin with the year 1890, yet they contain evidence that the American situation corresponded to the British in the years in question.

For example, the Spectator says: "From

1873 to 1896 there was a regular and marked fall in prices; 1896 was the low water mark in the price of necessities." Now, reference to the latest issue of Retail Prices (bureau of labor statistics), covering from 1890 to June, 1913, shows that the prices of all of fifteen principal articles of food in the United States were lower, in several cases much lower, in 1896 than in 1890, and that with five exceptions all took a rise in 1897.

"The conclusion of the blue book," says the reviewer, "that the total cost of living has risen 10 per cent in the seven years between 1905 and 1912 is a moderate estimate. Rents on the whole have not increased. Indeed the tendency has been for them to fall slightly; but the price of food and coal together has risen about 13 per cent." The report is uncertain with regard to clothing, but the compiler believes the rise in price to be about the same as that of food. As to food the vagaries in the rise of prices are deemed extraordinary. While tea and sugar have fallen, meat, bread, eggs, etc., have risen by 6 to 46 per cent—the least amount of increase being on mutton and the greatest on potatoes. "The rise has been greater in foreign countries, with the exception of France, than in Great Britain," says the review. "The greatest rise has been in Canada, Austria-Hungary, the United States and Japan." Canada easily tops the list with a rise of 51 per cent. It is suggested that the rise in the United States and Japan would be found even higher if the figures for 1912 had been available for the report.

After giving the figures, as already related, showing higher cost of living three and four decades ago, the review concludes: "These are facts from which we cannot get away, and we are bound to say that they are a corrective to a great deal of loose talk. That there has been, and still is, a serious enough rise in prices is plain; but it is not a new phenomenon, nor is it in itself an alarming one. People found much too facile conclusions on what happens to come under their own experience at any particular moment. They talk of the rise in prices as a latter-day portent, just as they talk of the physical deterioration of the race as a self-evident proposition, although such figures as are available show that the tendency of national physique is to improve."

## NO DOUBT ABOUT IT

There has never been any real doubt as to Engineer Noble's report on the drydock situation since the time that expert was here examining the site and the wreck of the former structure. The report filed in Washington yesterday bears out exactly the information published in this paper from its correspondent there as to the feasibility of the present site, and Mr. Noble's proposed method of construction, that of building concrete sections and sinking them into place, has also been known of here and widely discussed. Nevertheless, the filing of the full report emphasizes the fact that Uncle Sam will go resolutely ahead on this work which means so much to Honolulu.

## FOR SISTER MARIANNA

On November 19 of this year Sister Marianna, the gentle-voiced, noble-hearted woman who is superintendent of the Bishop Home at Molokai, will have been fifty years a member of her religious order and twenty-five years in the service to which she has devoted herself at the leper settlement. The Star-Bulletin has been asked to make this fact generally known and will gladly receive suggestions as to a token of appreciation for Sister Marianna's work. This paper has been asked to state that a number of people desire to cooperate in such a testimonial and would hear from others.

Sir Lionel Carden, the new British ambassador to Mexico, appears to have committed a faux pas in saying that the American government doesn't understand the Mexican situation. Sir Lionel doubtless doesn't remember what happened to a certain U. S. minister named Crane who talked indiscreetly.

Among other causes of thankfulness is that Harry Thaw has been indicted just like a poor man.

Bishop street opening project furnishes material for another long fight in the courts.

The Mexican situation continues to be prolific of statements.

## BISHOP STREET CONTINUATION NOW ASSURED

### Enthusiastic Mass Meeting Gives Indorsement to Big Improvement

With the strong majority boosting every inch of the way, ready to pay their part or do their share for the improvement of Honolulu, the public meeting held by the supervisors last night on the extension of Bishop street was rewarded with success.

At the next meeting of the supervisors a resolution will be introduced by Lester Petrie, chairman of the roads committee, to whom credit is given for starting the project, reciting that Bishop street is to be opened through to Beretania, and setting the assessment district therefor.

The district which will bear the expense of this work will begin at a point 100 feet mauka of Beretania, thence at right angles to the Waikiki side of Fort street, thence at right angles to the waterfront, thence at right angles to Alakea street to a point 100 feet mauka of Beretania and to the point of beginning.

This was the decision reached by the mass meeting last night, assembled in the supervisors' chambers, municipal building. With a rising vote it was decided that the extension should be made and that the district should be bounded as given above.

### Two Objections Heard

Only two objections to the project were heard, one came from Wm. H. McInerney, who declared that he saw no reason for the undertaking at this time; the other from Judge Monsarrat, who endorsed the statement of McInerney. To be sure there were others not in favor of the project if the assessment district for the work only included the one block. Father Valentin, speaking for the Catholic mission, which owns 30 per cent of the property in the block, stated that the mission would oppose the undertaking unless the assessment district were larger than a block. If larger, it would be in favor of it.

As against McInerney and Judge Monsarrat, representing the opposition to the extension, many spoke heartily in favor of it, among the number being Marston Campbell, who led the enthusiasts throughout the meeting; Ed. Tawse, Guy Gere, James Wakefield, R. R. Reidford, who seconded the enthusiasms for the work and W. W. Chamberlain. A number of other persons spoke offering suggestions, mostly relating to the lines for the district. They were Supervisor Wheeler, J. J. Steiner, Mayor Fern and Albert Wertheimer.

Mayor Fern presided at the meeting and Supervisor Petrie called upon the speakers and argued his view of the different points which arose.

At the opening of the meeting he was strongly in favor of having the district only comprise the block of Beretania, Fort, Hotel and Emma, but when Father Valentin gave notice of the mission's objection to such a small district, he abandoned his district idea and called for suggestions.

Soon an agreement was reached, which was reduced to the form of a resolution, as given below: "Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that the extension of Bishop street be made forthwith by the supervisors, and that the assessment district for such extension be as follows: From 100 feet mauka of Beretania to Fort and the waterfront, to Alakea and thence to a point 100 feet mauka of Beretania to the point of commencement."

The suggestion of opening Faahai with Bishop street and putting the two in one district was given up on the advice of P. L. Weaver, first deputy city and county attorney. In place of that it was agreed to open Bishop street for the block, and extend it makaiward later. In this connection, Campbell stated that the property needed to run the street to the waterfront was owned by the government and leased out, but that the lease would soon expire. He stated that he was reasonably sure that the territory would turn this property over to the city without charge when the lease expired.

The value of the meeting last night is not only estimated by the value to Honolulu of the opening of Bishop street, but it brought forth many valuable suggestions on street opening in general. As an instance, the question, applied generally, of what should constitute a district was agreed upon. Campbell laid down the rule as the district in the following way: "An assessment district for street opening should be made to cover the property benefited by the opening of the street."

This rule, he says, should apply universally.

Under Act 87, being process un-

## COAST OFFICE TO BE BIG AID TO TRAVELERS

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cisco," and will be held there or forwarded as directed. Mail will be placed aboard steamers about to leave for Honolulu, when it is known that addressees are booked for the home trip. Otherwise, it may be called for.

One of the difficulties which islanders have encountered with their mail is that they often have it directed to a hotel. Later they may change to another hotel, and have to leave a forwarding address. In numerous instances mail thus redirected is not promptly forwarded, occasioning considerable trouble. The system to be inaugurated at the San Francisco office will rectify this trouble, it is hoped.

### Taylor is Confident

"In going to San Francisco as a booster for the whole group of islands," said Taylor today, "I am entering an unexplored country to some extent. If I have the backing of the community in my new work, with some leeway until I have mastered the various ropes, I feel confident that I can do much for Hawaii. The establishment of the San Francisco office is designed to give the Hawaiian Islands much publicity and to prepare the traveling public which intends visiting San Francisco in 1915 for the splendid exhibit which Hawaii proposes to make at the exposition grounds. We are taking time by the forelock and telling the traveling public that the one big feature in the exposition grounds will be Hawaii's building, and that in that building they will catch a glimpse of the wonderful scenery and agricultural enterprises of the Hawaiian islands. By preparing the visitors in this way, the building will undoubtedly be a Mecca. That is the first stage of the work. After seeing the building and its unique contents, I have no hesitation in saying that a large percentage will come on over here and see for themselves."

Mr. Taylor will make his home at the Hotel Bellevue, not far from the promotion office, where he can be reached at night after the office closes should his services be required. The wireless and cable address of the new office is "Promotion, San Francisco." Mrs. Taylor accompanies Mr. Taylor on the Siberia. It is their purpose to remain in San Francisco at least two years.

H. P. Wood, secretary of the Promotion Committee, goes to San Francisco tomorrow also, to see that the office is properly opened and established, and he will then turn the keys over to Mr. Taylor.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—D. HOWARD ESE: It wouldn't surprise me to see Governor Pinkham apply the "revolving fund" to his Waikiki reclamation scheme during his tenure. And, hello, me, I think it's just the thing, too.

—A. E. LARIMER: I would be glad to have any of our business houses of Honolulu inform when they have vacant positions. The demand for jobs for exceeds the number of openings at the present time.

—JAY A. NICE: The Spanish and German clubs at the Y. M. C. A. are fast gaining in popularity. A large number of men who wish to learn a language have taken advantage of them.

—PAT SUPER: We have a Filipino-English in one of the night classes at the "Y." Honolulu is the proper place for him, as it is neither too hot nor too cold.

A meeting of the Promotion Committee will be held in the rooms of the committee, Bishop street side, Y. M. C. A. hotel building, at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. All members are requested to be present to confer with Secretary Wood prior to his departure for the mainland tomorrow.

Federal Judge Dole's decision on the demurrer to the petition for a writ of habeas corpus for the three Chinese landlords has been further reversed until tomorrow morning. These, Ching Lum, Wong Yuen and Sui Choy, are the men recently placed in detention by Immigration Inspector Haley and are said to have large real estate holdings in the Twelfth district.

der by the supervisors, sets out that petitioners representing 55 per cent of the property in the district may check the proposed improvements.

## FOR RENT

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Aloha Lane	2 bedrooms	20.00
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## DENY A DICKER HONOLULU RANKS WELL IN FIGURES OF THE Y. M. C. A.

Although the new Inter-Island steamer Kilauea, representing an investment of about half a million dollars, occupies a mooring at the local "rotten row," the vessel has been the subject of much comment in coast shipping circles, absent a report that the vessel was soon to change ownership and pass into the hands of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company.

Officers identified with the Inter-Island in this city as well as the Pacific Coast company at San Francisco, have entered a flat denial that any such proposition has been considered.

It is said that the rumor is simply a revival of stories that have been circulated during the last few years regarding the intention of the Pacific Coast company or some other concern to place in operation on the Eureka run one or two fast and modern steamers. Considerable excitement was created at Eureka when the rumor leaked out and for two days the wires were kept warm by those who wished to verify the news.

The Kilauea covered the Kona and Kanu run to windward Hawaii ports when first placed in commission. It was found that the Mauna Loa could be operated over this route in a far more economical manner, thereby relegating the Kilauea to the "waiting list."

The October term of the federal court begins next Monday morning at 10 o'clock, at which time the trial jury will report for duty.

The officers of the local Young Men's Christian Association are making a study of the year book which has just been received from the office of the national association in New York City. They have taken Honolulu as a typical city of 50,000 population class and have figured the standing of the association in comparison with other cities of the United States having a like number of inhabitants.

The population of Honolulu is taken at 53,000, according to the last census; the combined membership of the local association, counting both the central and Japanese branches, is 1754. Next comes Hamilton, O., with 1693 members; Newcaston, Pa., 1575 members; and Binghamton, N. Y., with 1563. Leaving out the Japanese branch, the local association had, at the time of the compilation of the year book, 1552 members and stood fourth in the list of city associations in one branch. As the Japanese branch should be added to the central association, this makes the Honolulu association the largest in America in the class of cities of 50,000 or more persons.

Militant suffragettes in London made an attack on King George and Queen Mary at the entrance to the Coliseum theatre. They were beaten back by the crowd but escaped arrest.

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